

Dear Jahana Hayes, Richard Blumenthal, Mary Abrams, Catherine Abercrombie, and Members of The Judiciary Committee,

I strongly urge you to **OPPOSE H.B. 6355**, An Act Concerning Risk Protection Orders or Warrants. This bill is nothing more than a method to bypass due process by taking firearms away from law abiding citizens. There are current laws written making offenses with firearms illegal, as well as domestic violence offenses. Along with bypassing due process to remove a person's firearms, there is NO provision for the accused individual's property to be returned if they are ever found innocent or not deserving of the warrant. This is like having the police take your car away because someone thought you were a bad driver, even though you've never had a traffic ticket, and not being able to get your car back after you've proven yourself to be a safe driver.

Instead of targeting and imposing more oppressive rules upon the citizens who are already abiding the law, please make harsher penalties for offenders of our current Red Flag Laws, harsher penalties for violent offenders who have been convicted in court. Stripping people's ability to defend themselves personally and legally is in direct contradiction to the very core of the legal and judicial process.

I also strongly urge you to **please SUPPORT Raised Bill 6491** An Act Concerning Nonlethal Electronic Defense Weapons. It is important for everyone to be able to defend themselves, no matter the means. Law abiding citizens should be legally allowed the option to use **lesser** means of defense if the situation permits. In fact, stun guns are not lethal so I would think it would be acceptable to make them legal for self-defense. If you're not a criminal, stun gun use for self-defense should be legal! See the SCOTUS case *Caetano vs Massachusetts*!

Concerned Citizen,

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